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**SECRETARY, BOARD OF
OIL, GAS & MINING**

Board of Oil, Gas and Mining
P.O. Box 145801
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Re: Docket 2016-001, Cause No. 187-11
South Red Wash Unit, Uintah County, Utah

Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has reviewed the referenced Request for Agency Action affecting lands within the South Red Wash Unit (SRW Unit).

The SRW Unit covers the following lands:

Township 8 South, Range 22 East, SLM

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Section 12: ALL		

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The applicant has requested the Board issue an order:

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- (b) Providing that the producing interval in any future well may not be located closer than 460 feet to the boundaries of the SRW Unit without obtaining an exception location from the Division pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R649-3-3;
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- (e) Providing the requested suspension of these rules will remain in effect only for as long as the Subject Lands are committed to the SRW Unit;
- (f) Making such findings and orders in connection with this Request as it deems necessary; and
- (g) Providing for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable under the circumstances.

The BLM supports the request.

If you should have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Michael Coulthard of this office at (801) 539-4042.

Respectfully submitted this 14th Day of January 2016.

Sincerely,



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